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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for producing a granulated flavor, comprising:
compacting with rollers a powdered flavor prepared from raw materials containing a flavor
and a carrier ~~with rollers~~ to obtain a partially melted plated matter;
cooling the plated matter; and
grinding and granulating the cooled plated matter.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method for producing a granulated flavor, comprising:
~~foreing~~providing a powdered flavor prepared from raw materials containing a flavor and a
carrier to free-fall;
conveying the powdered flavor with a horizontal screw to obtain a pressed powdered flavor;
compacting the pressed powdered flavor with rollers to obtain a partially melted plated
matter;
cooling the plated matter; and
grinding and granulating the cooled plated matter.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A granulated flavor for use in foods and beverages, ~~which~~
~~contains~~ containing:

a carrier selected from a group consisting of hydrophilic proteins, maltodextrin, starches,
modified starches, hydrophilic polysaccharides, partially hydrolyzed proteins, partially decomposed
starches and saccharides,

wherein the granulated flavor has a moisture content of 10% or less by weight and a
hardness of 1 N/mm²-50 N/mm².

Claim 4 (original): A granulated flavor for use in foods and beverages according to claim 3 containing particles having a particle size of 105 μm -2 mm, wherein the proportion of the particles having that particle size is 85% or more by weight.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A food or beverage comprising the granulated flavor for use in foods and beverages of ~~claims 3 or 4~~claim 3.